

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) Yes.

(b) It was received on the 13th November 1935. The Chief Engineer has since sanctioned an estimate for the work; and it will be taken up for execution in due course.

The Chittar Road.

39. * MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) how long it is since the portion of the Chittar road from Vamanapuram to Pangodu was completed;

(b) how many miles have been completed;

(c) whether the completed portion is perfectly in good order and condition;

(d) how many miles more remain to be completed;

(e) whether memorials have been submitted by the public to the Government as well as the Chief Engineer, P. W. D., pointing out the urgent necessity of completing the incomplete portion of the above road;

(f) what action has been taken upon the memorials;

(g) whether an estimate has already been prepared and submitted to the Government for the completion of the work; and

(h) whether the Government have accorded administrative sanction to the estimate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) 3 years.

(b) 7 miles.

(c) Yes.

(d) $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

(e) Yes.

(f) & (g) An estimate is under preparation in the Chief Engineer's Office.

(h) This does not arise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there was any estimate at the time the work of the Chittar road referred to in the answer to part (a) was begun?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The work was done with an estimate.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Then may I know why the answer to (f) and (g) is that an estimate is under preparation in the Chief Engineer's office?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer Roads, Buildings, and Irrigation*): That is for the remaining length.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is an estimate for the whole of the work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): There was an estimate only for a portion of the work.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the work referred to in question (a) was begun with an estimate or without one, and if it was begun with an estimate, what is the meaning of the answer given to (f) and (g) that an estimate is under preparation in the Chief Engineer's Office?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): A portion of the road, viz. the first six miles was done, and a small estimate for the 7th mile has been sanctioned since then.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): When a part of the work to the extent of 7 miles has already been completed three years ago, what has become of the estimate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I must ask notice of the question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, the member has not answered my question. There is no necessity for asking for notice. The question is "(g) whether an estimate has already been prepared and submitted to Government for the completion of the work". The answer is "an estimate is under preparation in the Chief Engineer's Office". Again I asked "(a) how long it is since the portion of the Chittar road from Vamanapuram to Pangode was completed". The answer is "three years". In part (b) I asked "how many miles have been completed". The answer is "7 miles". So, there is one road seven plus five and one-fourth miles. Generally the estimate will be prepared for the whole length and then the work will begin.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): We cannot certainly take up the construction of a road of that length all at once.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I want to know what has become of the estimate for the work that was prepared.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It has been sanctioned and worked out.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the work on the whole road has been completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Work to the extent of 7 miles was completed on an estimate.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the whole estimate was sanctioned when the 7 miles of work was undertaken?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have already replied that only seven miles were estimated for.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how long it is since the estimate has been under preparation for the remaining $5\frac{1}{4}$ miles?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The estimate has already been prepared and is being examined in my office. The work will be taken up in due course.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I ask what the official member means by the term "in due course",

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): When funds are available.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why funds have not been allotted for the work, even though the estimate was sanctioned three years ago?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): A certain portion of the work was completed, and, for the remaining, funds are necessary.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is any provision in the budget for 1112 for this work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The hon'ble member can refer to the budget as well as I.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): The hon'ble Member said that provision is made in his draft budget.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I think that it has been cut out for financial considerations.

The Kallara-Aruvipuram trace.

40. * **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have got the estimate for the conversion of the Kallara—Aruvipuram trace into a cart road;

(b) the amount of the estimate;

(c) whether administrative sanction has been accorded to the estimate;

(d) whether the Government are aware that the trace is a very important trace in the taluk; and

(e) whether the Government are aware that the demand to convert the above trace into a cart road has been continuously and persistently made for nine years?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) No.

(b) & (c) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

(d) No.

(e) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to part (e) of the question, may I know the result of the demand made, by the people as well as their representative, for the opening of the road during the last nine years?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): There are two traces, the Nagaroor trace and the Kallara-Aruvipuram trace. An estimate was sanctioned in November 1930 for the Nagaroor trace. As far as the Kallara-Aruvipuram trace is concerned, Government have sanctioned that to be constructed as a ryots' road.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, I have nothing to ask about the Nagaroor trace. My question relates to the Kallara-Aruvipuram